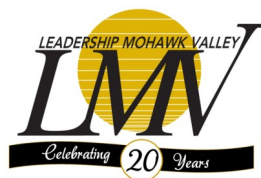


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Congratulations, Class of 2010!



The thirty five members of the LMV Class of 2010 graduated on May 12, 2010, and joined over 500 previous LMV graduates as Alumni of the 10-month leadership program.

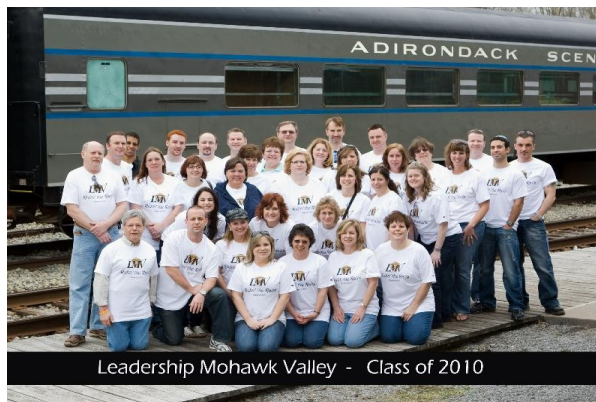
Members of the Class of 2010 included: **Daniel Acker**, MPW Marketing; **Susan Barber**, Human Technologies Corporation; **Lauren Barone**, Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority; **KaShaun Burks**, Ultimate Entertainment Online; **Tryntjie Chrysler**, Human Technologies Corporation; **Pamela DelMedico**, The Arc, Oneida-Lewis Chapter; **Debbie DiAndrea-Hitchcock**, MetLife; **Kimberly Evans-Dame**, Mohawk Valley Community College; **Paul Franz**, NYSTEC; **Melodie Greiner**, First Source Federal Credit Union; **Michael Hayduk**, Air Force Research Laboratory; **Susan Hert**, Rome Savings Bank; **Judith Jerome**, Dunham Public Library; **Kari Johnson**, RSVP of Oneida County; **Daniel Kane**, Excellus

BCBS; **Sheila Knapp**, The Arc, Oneida-Lewis Chapter; **Adam Kujawski**, NYANG/Eastern Air Defense Sector; **Peter LaMonica**, Air Force Research Laboratory; **Jacqueline Lewis**, Herkimer Area Resource Center; **Michele Lewis**, Brown & Brown of New York; **Richard Lubey**, NYANG/Eastern Air Defense Sector; **Eileen Luley**, Rome Memorial Hospital; **David Lyman**, Gilroy Kernan & Gilroy; **Domenico Morbidini**, Upstate Cerebral Palsy; **John Reade**, Quanterion Solutions; **Helen Rico**, Air Force Research Laboratory; **Renee Rouillier**, Gilroy Kernan & Gilroy; **Rebecca Ruffing**, Herkimer County Community College; **Joseph Salerno**, Our Lady of Lourdes; **Monica Stowell**, St. Elizabeth Medical Center; **Jerry Switzer**, The Arc, Oneida-Lewis Chapter; **Beth Tolman**, SUNYIT; **Michele Ventura**, Home Care Services of FSLHC; **Jennifer Viti**, AmeriCU Credit Union; **Sean Whip**, Faxton St. Luke's Healthcare.

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"Ridin' the Rails" ~ Adirondack Scenic Railroad
May 7, 2010
(photo courtesy of Captivations Photography)



Leadership Mohawk Valley - Class of 2010

LMV Thanks Outgoing Board Members

With the new fiscal year beginning on July 1st, we'd like to thank the members of the Board of Directors whose terms expired on that date. Our gratitude goes out to all of them for the many years they've contributed to the success of the Leadership Mohawk Valley program. Best wishes to them all!

- Vince Casale, The Casale Group; Class of 2001 and former President of the Board
- Peter Falzarine, House of the Good Shepherd; Class of 1998 and former President of the Board
- Dr. David Habbel, Utica College
- Deborah Kessler, M.A. Polce Consulting; Class of 1996 and former President of the Board



**Leadership
Mohawk Valley
Celebrates
20 years of
developing leaders!**

On Wednesday, June 2nd, LMV alumni, sponsors and supporters gathered at the Yahnundasis Golf Club for a reception to celebrate twenty years of developing leaders dedicated to the growth and excellence of the Mohawk Valley. Alumni were able to reconnect with former classmates, and network with LMV alumni from other program years.

During LMV's twenty years, seven Directors have led the program; six of whom were in attendance that evening. Shown above: **Ann Rushlo**, Current LMV Director, **Nancy Wallace**, SUNYIT, **Anne Milograno**, American Heart Association, **Jim Castilla**, Mohawk Valley EDGE and **Karl Ermisch**, Marrone Photography. Also in attendance but missing from the picture was **Bill Randall**, Mohawk Valley Business Journal. LMV's first Director, **Anthony Palumbo**, was not in attendance.

LMV Accepting Nonprofit Project Applications

Nonprofit organizations wishing to apply for a project to be completed by the members of the LMV Class of 2011, may visit the LMV website www.leadershipmohawkvalley.net, for more information or to apply for a project. All applications must be submitted electronically, no later than the close of business on Friday, July 30, 2010.

Projects were completed by the Class of 2010 for the following organizations: The Arc, Oneida-Lewis Chapter; Capitol Theatre of Rome; Compeer of the Mohawk Valley; Leatherstocking Ballet; mvEDGEucators (Mohawk Valley EDGE); and St. Joseph Nursing Home.

LMV Annual Golf Tournament, Friday July 23rd Pine Hills Golf Course, Frankfort

Join us on the links at the annual LMV Golf Tournament! \$90 per golfer includes lunch before the 12:30 shotgun start, and a steak dinner following the tournament.

Door prizes, a Casino hole, and two hole-in-one holes, for a car and a gold putter, are just a few of the many reasons you should join us! For more information or to register your foursome, click here:

<http://tinyurl.com/GolfLMV>

We also need volunteers during the day, and to help cook the steaks on the grill after the tournament; please email Ann.Rushlo@sunyit.edu if you are interested in volunteering.



Join the Class of 2009 on a Winery Tour!



Jackie Emma and some of her LMV '09 classmates are planning a Winery Tour on Saturday, August 21st, and invite all LMV Alumni and their friends & family to join them. The details of the tour are as follows:

The bus will leave at 9:00am (location TBD once all have registered - likely New Hartford and/or Rome). The bus will return at 7:00pm. The itinerary is as follows:

- Belhurst Castle (11:00am)
- Miles Wine Cellar (12:30pm - bag lunch available for \$10 or bring your own lunch)
- Keuka Springs (2:20pm)
- White Springs Winery (4:00pm)

Travel will be via motor coach (restrooms onboard), and all tour participants may bring food & beverages on the bus (NOTE: no dinner is included in the package). Price will be in the \$45-\$60 range, pending final number of participants, and if the bus is full (50 people maximum), the price will be \$45. A tour guide will join us on the bus and will be with us the entire day as we tour the wineries.

For more information or to register for the tour, please contact Jackie Emma; jackiee@americu.org.

Thank you to our 2009-2010 Sponsors

Premier: Gilroy Kernan & Gilroy, Human Technologies Corporation, SUNYIT,
Visiting Nurse Association

Gold: AmeriCU Credit Union

Bronze: Small Business Development Center

Media: Digital Towpath, Mohawk Valley Business Journal

The support of our sponsors allows LMV to continue to offer unparalleled experiences for class members each year, including meeting local leaders, touring local businesses, and learning more about all the Mohawk Valley has to offer, thus allowing them to make informed decisions about their involvement in the community.

Welcome to our new President of the Board...

I'm proud to be a graduate of the LMV Class of 2000. Looking back, I wish I had gone through the program sooner. However, I was uneasy with doing so because of the "time commitment." As it turned out, devoting the first Wednesday of each month proved to be a valuable time investment. Not only did I get to meet new people and learn more about the businesses and surrounding area in which I grew up, the experience also opened me up to new ideas, new hopes, and new friends and acquaintances that are not only good for business, but also help you appreciate the people who make up our great community.

Ten years later, I am now proud to serve this organization as President. I've served on the LMV board for the past eight years and have seen the leadership program evolve and improve. Witnessing the program days and the presentations and projects makes me want to go through the program again! No other program offers future leaders the kind of insight to this area's make-up and access to the "movers and shakers" that make our community tick. It doesn't matter how long one has lived here. I've lived in the Mohawk Valley all my life and after going through the program, I learned even more. If it weren't for LMV, I feel I would be going through life in our area with blinders on.

We are on the doorstep of the next 20 years for LMV. There are nearly 600 leaders who have gone through the LMV program and have put their leadership experience to good use. Their growing expertise and enthusiasm is exactly what our area businesses and we as a people need. Our area businesses and organizations continue to sponsor LMV and support their people through the program each year because they see the true value of the leadership program. Some say leaders are born. Some say leaders are made. It doesn't matter if you were born in the Mohawk Valley or if you've moved here. LMV will help you improve your skills as a valuable leader that can continue to move our community forward.

Tom Burke
Burke Media & Entertainment Group

A few words from the Director, Ann Rushlo...

Each year, we begin by warning the class that this program year may very well be the fastest ten months of their life. With quizzical looks, they wonder how that could possibly be so. Yet ten months later, more often than not, classmates who have now become friends wonder how it could possibly be over so soon.

But while the program year ends with graduation, your LMV experience is far from over. LMV allows you to learn more about the Mohawk Valley, more about leadership, and more about yourself in the process. So upon graduation, it's time to put those newly acquired (or newly honed) leadership skills to work, whether it be at your place of employment, volunteering, serving on committees or boards of directors, or in your community.

Take what you now know about the Mohawk Valley and choose how to use your time and talents for the greater good; there is a different "solution" for every LMV graduate. Bottom line? Make a difference. In small ways, in big ways, in public ways, or in private ways.

And stay connected to your classmates and the LMV Alumni Community; what a great network of people to have as resources! I had lunch recently with one of my fellow classmates (and fellow project team member) and it was as if no time had passed since we graduated in 2002! The LMV connection can be a strong bond; maintain it, and we all benefit!

**To stay current with LMV
events and information, be sure to
visit our website:
www.leadershipmohawkvalley.net**

Orientation/Alumni Barbeque

Mark your calendars and plan to join us on Thursday evening, August 12th as we welcome the members of the LMV Class of 2011! Details will be available shortly via email blast and on the website for this event at SUNYIT's Campus Center, the site of Orientation.